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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH TFAI HIGH COMMISSIONER

1. FEBRUARY 5 REVEIL DE DJIBOUTI CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH  
TFAI HIGH COMMISSIONER CAMILLE D'ORNANO TO EFFECT THAT IF  
INDEPENDENCE FOR TFAI DELAYED, IT WILL NOT BE FAULT OF GOF.  
D'ORNANO STATED THAT TFAI ADMINISTRATION WILL BE TECHNICALLY  
PREPARED IN APRIL TO ORGANIZE REFERENDUM , AND IF DELAYS OCCUR,  
FAULT WILL BE WITH TFAI POLITICIANS AND GROUPS.  
HE NOTED THAT IF TFAI VOTED FOR INDEPENDENCE, GOF PREPARED TO  
TAKE NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE STEPS VERY QUICKLY.

2. D'ORNANO NOTED OTHER PROBLEMS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE SOLVED  
(FINANCE, SECURITY, ETC.) IN ORDER TO ASSURE ORDERLY TRANSITION  
TO INDEPENDENCE. PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED, HE STATED, BY  
PROVISIONAL ACCORDS IN THESE AREAS WHICH COULD LATER BECOME  
DEFINITE ACCORDS BETWEEN GOF AND NEW REPUBLIC.  
HIGH COMMISSIONER NOTED GOF PREPARED TO TAKE POSITIVE, FORWARD-  
LOOKING APPROACH TO TECHNICAL ACCORDS.

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3. HIGH COMMISSIONER STATED THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION HAD ACTED  
IMPARTIALLY WITH RESPECT TO ISSUANCE OF ID CARDS.  
AS OF JANUARY 1, 1976, THERE WERE 39,000 CARDS. AT CLOSE  
OF PRESENT CAMPAIGN THE NUMBER WAS CLOSE TO 100,00  
D'ORNANO NOTED ADMINISTRATION HAD DONE MORE IN PAST YEAR TO  
ELIMINATE THIS INJUSTICE THAN IN ALL PRIOR YEARS.

HE NOTED THAT 100,000 ID CARDS CORRESPONDED TO POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 300,000 FOR TFAI, A REASONABLE FIGURE.

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